# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Tuesday, the 1st April 1958.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

*Marmalong Bridge*

* 32 *S.N.Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR AND SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Union Government have been addressed to widen the Marmalong bridge near Saidapet, and if so, when the work is likely to be taken up?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, there is no proposal to widen the Marmalong bridge. As the bridge is very old and weak, it is proposed to build a new bridge at a site near the existing bridge. The Government of India who were addressed for sanction to the estimates for Rs. 30 lakhs for the work have asked for certain additional information. The information required has been called for from the Corporation of Madras and the Chief Engineer (Highways) and is awaited. Instructions have been issued to expedite the matter.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Sir, the matter has been pending before the Government for a very long time and first the Government of India considered that because of its location within the Corporation limits, they could not finance it. But afterwards as a general policy, because of its importance, it being on the Madras-Kanyakumari road, they have agreed. Will the Government kindly let us know when the work would be put into execution?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, progress is now fairly fast. On the 23rd December 1957, the Government of India had asked us to supply a large-scale plan of the city and whether we would be able to give 100 feet of land near that area completely free of cost and have also asked for certain other particulars regarding the feasibility of putting up a new bridge there. I think progress is made in the matter.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, do the Union Government pay only a grant or bear the actual cost of the construction of the bridge and maintenance of the road?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Is it a general question or with reference to this particular question? So far as this particular one is concerned, it is under negotiation. As for the general question, if the bridge is within Municipal limits, the Municipality is supposed to bear the cost.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, have the Government in their possession any statistics of how many traffic accidents that occur during a period of one year so that they may realize the necessity for widening this bridge or constructing a new bridge as early as possible and urge upon the Central Government to expedite it, not merely in correspondence, but in actual execution?

THE Hob. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I do not think the importance of the bridge can be measured only by the number of accidents that occur in the bridge. It is a very important bridge because it is the only link between the City of Madras and the other side of the State and therefore everything possible is being done.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : Sir, may I know the proportion of the contribution from the Corporation and the Centre?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is a matter under negotiation.

*I.C.S. Officers*

* 33 *S.N.Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of I.C.S. officers who resigned their offices during the period 1956–58;

(*b*) the number of I.C.S. officers who were allowed to retire prematurely during the period 1956–58; and

(*c*) the reasons therefore, in each of the cases referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Three.

(*c*) On their own requests.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : ஸார், எம். வி. சுப்பிரமணியம், ஐ.ஸி.எஸ். என்று சொல்லக்கூடிய அதிகாரி ரெவினியூ போர்ட் ஸ்டாண்டிங் ஆர்டர்ஸ் பிரகாரம் தாசில்தார் லிஸ்ட்களைப் போட்டரர்கள். அதில் சர்க்கார் தலையிட்டது என்று பேசப்படுகிறது. அதில் எந்த அளவிற்கு உண்மை இருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members are supposed not to refer to individual cases during question time. They can only ask about general policy. The hon. Member very cleverly did not put this in the original question which I would have disallowed; he now puts it by way of a supplementary question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : இது ஒரு தப்பு அர்த்தத்தைக் கொடுக்கக் கூடியதால் இதைப் பற்றி விவரிக்க விரும்புகிறேன். எம். வி. சுப்பிரமணியம் அவர்கள் உடல் நிலை சரியாக இல்லை என்ற காரணத்தினால் ரிடையராகவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டார். அதே காரணம் தானேயொழிய வேறு கிடையாது.